



Office of Administrative Services  
Freedom of Information Act Office

May 18, 2015

Mr. Christopher Cioffi  
The Billings Gazette  
401 N. Broadway  
Billings, MT 59101

Dear Mr. Cioffi:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA Number 2015-000709), dated April 22, 2015, in which you requested "to obtain more information about the non-winning bids for the James F. Battin Courthouse" and "any and all information about the identity of the bidders, how much the bids were and what order the bids were made in the Battin Courthouse auction."

Enclosed please find the documents responsive to your request. We have also provided a copy of the Bid Abstracts for this sale, as found online as public information at [www.realestatesales.gov](http://www.realestatesales.gov).

In addition, you will find redacted copies of bidder applications wherein we have withheld bidder names, personal email addresses, phone and fax numbers in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6). The redactions were made because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We have determined that the privacy interests of individuals representing offerors outweigh any public interest in the disclosure of their names and contact information.

You have the right to appeal the partial denial of the information withheld. To do so, you must write, within 120 days of your receipt of this letter, to the following address:

Freedom of Information Act Office (H1C)  
U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F St. NW, Room 7308  
Washington, DC 20405  
E-FOIA: [GSA.FOIA@GSA.GOV](mailto:GSA.FOIA@GSA.GOV)

Your appeal must be in writing and contain a brief statement of the reasons why the withheld information should be released. Enclose a copy of your initial request and a

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1800 F. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405  
Telephone: (202) 501-0800  
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copy of this letter. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you have any press-related questions, please contact Ms. Jackeline Stewart, Press Secretary by email at [media@gsa.gov](mailto:media@gsa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Travis Lewis*

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Enclosures